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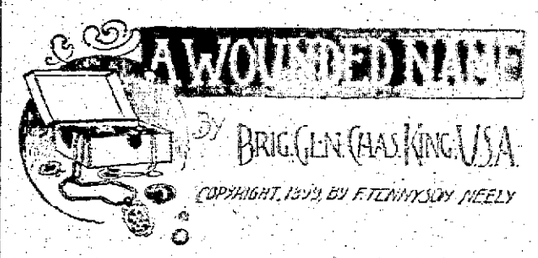

CHAPTER V.

The sutler's "shack" at Camp Cooke was crowded with officers that evening and the episode of Nevins' address was the talk of all tongues. Certain civilians were there, too, frequently of Sancho's place, *but they* were silent, observant and unusually abstemious. To say that Nevins had astonished everybody by an exhibition of feeling and an excess of conscience would be putting it mildly. But the fact was indisputable. He himself, after adjournment, exhibited to the interrogative major two long letters, recently received from San Francisco, in graceful feminine hand and signed, "Your sad but devoted wife, Naomi." One of these referred to Lieutenant Loring, "whom Geraldine met at West Point and saw frequently the summer and fall that followed his graduation."

There were members of the court who sought to hear what Loring had to say on the subject, but he proved unapproachable. All men noted the avoidance indeed, the storm—that resulted from Nevins' public and somewhat strong mention of the sister's name. The judge advocate sat for a moment as though struck dumb, his eyes fixed and staring, his face pallid, the muscles of his compressed lips twitching perceptibly, his hand clenched and it arose hard upon the table.

There were few army women at Camp Cooke in those days—only two or three veteran campaigners and one unregarded bride—but had the post been full of them there could hardly have been curiosity more lively than was exhibited by most of the court all that long afternoon and evening. Conjecture, comment and suggestion passed from lip to lip. One or two ears even went so far as to drop in at the tent assigned to the lonely accused, and, after expressing *interest and sympathy and a desire to see* that he got "fair play and a fresh start," they ventured to inquire if Nevins knew why Mr Loring had been so much astonished at, not overcome by, the mention of the name of Nevins' sister-in-law.

Nevins didn't know, but at that moment he would have given his hopes of mercy to find out. He was waiting to his wife when his visitors came, demanding explanation. He could think of several possibilities, any of which in his unenlightened mind might give him a chance, even a bad, on the subject of intractable West Pointer. Why, why had he not heard or dreamed before this long trial came to its dramatic close that there was some strong and mysterious connection between him and Loring, between the prosecutor and accused? The one plausible theory was that Loring and Geraldine were or had been affianced.

From all his wife had told him in their few days of intimate content and apparent *bliss* he knew *Geraldine to be* beautiful, gifted and attractive to any man despite her poverty. That she had been petted and spoiled, that she was selfish to the core, grasping and ambitious, he had never heard, yet might have inferred from Naomi's faltering pleas on *her sister's behalf* early in the days of their wedded life. In his eagerness to learn something of the truth he sent a messenger during the afternoon, after the final adjournment, and begged that Mr Loring should come to see him. The reply was that Mr Loring *would do so* later. Only two men succeeded in seeing Loring that afternoon and evening—the post commander, Major Starke, at whose quarters he was housed, and the veteran president of the court. On the plea of being very busy writing the record of the week's session he had excused himself to everybody else.

There had been something of a scene before the adjournment that morning. The court was ordered to try "such other prisoners as might properly be brought before it," and it was understood that two deserters, captured at Tucson, had announced their intention of pleading guilty and throwing themselves on the mercy of the court. Higgins had been sent to Fort Yuma. It would take long weeks to get the evidence in his case from New Orleans, but the two victims at Cooke knew well that their case was clear. There was no use in fighting. The sooner they were tried the shorter term would they serve as prisoners. Nevins finished at 10 o'clock. Loring's brief *stupefaction* was conquered not without evident effort. Vouchsafing no response to the plea of the accused for mercy, he announced that he submitted the case without remark, and the president nodded to Nevins the intimation that he might retire. Nevins slowly gained his feet, took a long look about the silent array, hesitated, and then with his eyes on Loring said:

"I should like to be assured that the judge advocate accepts the trust. It will be two or three months before the orders in my case can get back from Washington, meantime my pay is stopped and has been for three months back. My wife must have means to live on, and that's all I have to offer. There is no other way of getting it to her that I consider safe."

Loring's white hand was trembling visibly, but his head was bowed as though in painful thought. The president had to speak. "I presume you will not refuse, Mr. Loring?"

For another moment there was silence. At last, slowly, the judge advocate, folding *papers as he did so* a heavy official envelope. Wrapping the pin and rung together in note paper, he slowed them in a smaller envelope, moistened the gummed flap, closed it and slid it within the heavier one which Nevins, later addressing, laid before him. Then, turning to the president, Loring calmly bowed and said, "I will accept, sir."

Five minutes later, cleared of all persons except the members and the judge advocate, who in those days did not withdraw during the deliberations of the court, this open air temple of military justice was given over to the discussion of the findings and the determination of the sentence. In low, grave tones those members who had opinions to express gave utterance to their views. The votes on each specification and to the various charges were recorded, and finally the sentence was arrived at. By 11:30 the case of Brevet Captain Nevins was practically concluded, and the president eager as were his associates to finish their work after their long detention at this hot, barren, yet not unbearable post, looked briskly up at the silent, sombre young officer at the opposite end of the long table.

"Shall we take ten minutes recess and have a stretch before you go on with the next case, Mr *Judge Advocate*? I understand both victims plead guilty, and we can do 'em up in 30 minutes."

Nevins' watch was going the rounds of the court at the moment, its beauty and *costly* care and workmanship exciting general admiration. Again the judge advocate was slow and hesitant in his reply, utterly unlike the prompt, alert official whose conduct of the trial had won golden opinions from every man, old or young, in the service. It was nearly half a minute before he spoke, and then only after the president reminded him that several officers wished to start that afternoon for the Gila, so as to meet the eastward stage at Sancho's two days later.

"Give me an hour, sir. I cannot go on sooner."

Out under the canvas shelter of the adjutant's office stood the two prisoners with their guards. For an hour or more, they had been waiting their turn. A shade of disappointment stole over one or two faces—but the president's answer was prompt.

"Certainly, Mr Loring. The court owes it to you," and the recess was declared accordingly. The post quartermaster was one of the junior members, and Loring detained him. Bidding the orderly remain in charge of the prisoner, he turned to this official.

"You have a safe at your office. Will you permit me to place these in it—and come with me until I do so?"

"Certainly. Come right along. It's but a step."

Wrapped in a silken handkerchief, Nevins' watch, with the envelope containing the diamonds, was stored in a little drawer within the safe and securely locked. "You need a drink," said the quartermaster to the engineer officer again his pallid face.

"None, I thank you," said Loring briefly, and without another word took himself straightway to Major Starke's. At 12:30, when court reconvened, the judge advocate went swiftly and methodically through his work, read the orders, propounded the usual questions, swore the court, took his own oath, read the charges and recorded the pleas without loss of a second of time or use of a superfluous word. At 1:15 the court stood adjourned sine die, leaving the president and judge advocate to finish and sign the record. By 2 p. m. five of its members, in the "four mile" road wagon belonging at Cooke, were speeding southward, hoping to catch the stage to take them to their posts lying far to the east. By midnight the record was well nigh complete, and Loring, locking up the papers, stepped softly out into the starlight.

Over across the contracted parade a lamp was burning dimly at the guard tents, and several others dozed at the trader and canvas shack of the sutler. Everywhere else about Camp Cooke there were silence and slumber. The muttered word of command at the 12:30 relief formed at the guard tent, the clink of glasses and murmur of voices, sometimes accentuated by laughter, came drifting on the night from the open clubroom. Beyond the guard tents the dim walls of the corral loomed darkly against the dry, cloudless, star dotted sky that bordered the eastern horizon.

The sentry, slowly pacing his beaten path along the *sacquin* that conducted the cool waters of the Yavapai from the northward hills to the troughs in the corral, moved noiseless, dim and ghostly, and Loring, listening for a moment to the faint sounds of revelry at the shack, turned away to the north, passed the rude shelters which had been built by the labor of troops for the accommodation of the officers and the few families there abiding, and found himself presently on the open plain full 100 yards out from the buildings and beyond the post of the sentry on that flank, who, far over at the west end of his long beat, at the moment was dreaming of the revels he'd have when his discharge came, and neither heard nor saw the solitary officer whose one desire was to get away by himself to some point where he could calmly think. He needed to be alone. Even Blake, whom he had grown to like and whom he believed to be still at the camp, would have been in the way.

A strange fellow was Loring, a man grown, so far as judgment and experience were concerned, when at the age of 20 he entered West Point, and from the very start became one of the leaders of his class in scholarship and later one of the prominent officers of the battalion of cadets. In scientific and mathematical studies indeed he had no superior among his comrades, but languages and drawing, as taught in these days at the academy, threw him out of the head of his class, but could not prevent his landing a close second to the leader in general standing.

Never a popular man in the corps, he commanded nevertheless the respect and esteem of the entire battalion, and little by little won a deeper regard from his immediate associates. He was a man of marked gravity of demeanor. He rarely laughed. His smile was only a trifle more frequent. He was taciturnity personified and for two years at least was held to be morose. Of his antecedents little was known. He never spoke of them and seldom of himself. He was hermetical in the last degree concerning those so long in the gymnasium every morning during the barrack days and putting on the gloves for 15 minutes every evening with the best middleweight in the corps.

There were times in his early cadet days when he was suspected of having an ugly temper, and perhaps with reason. Exasperated at some prank played at his expense by a little "yearling" toward the close of his first—the "plebe"—encampment, Loring actually flogged the offender out of his tent. The boy was no match for the older, heavier man, but flew at him like a wildcat then and there, and Loring suddenly found himself in a fierce and spirited battle. The little fellow had pluck, science and training, and Loring's eyes and nose were objects to behold in less than a minute. For that moment, *shame stricken*, he fought on the defensive, then stung by the taunts of the swift gathering third class men he rushed like a bull, and two heavy blows sent the yearling to grass, and that fight was ended. But challenges rained on him from "men of his size" and weight, and the very next evening he went out to Fort Clinton with one of the champions of the upper class, and in 15 minutes was carried away to hospital, a total wreck. It was ten days before he was reported fit for duty.

Then camp was over and barrack life began. Not a word would he or did he say about his severe defeat, but systematically he went to work to master the noble art of self defense, and two years from that time the corps was treated to a sensation. Loring, back from cadet furlough, had been made first sergeant of Company D, in which as a private and first class man was the very cadet who had so soundly thrashed him. Loring proved strict. Certain "first-class privates" undertook to rebel against his authority, his former antagonist being the ringleader. Matters came to a crisis when Loring entered the names of three of the seniors on the delinquency book for "slow taking place in ranks at formation for dinner."

It was declared an affront. His old antagonist demanded satisfaction in the name of the aggrieved ones, and that fight was the talk of the *corps for six* months. Loring named the old battleground at Fort Clinton as the place, and in ten minutes utterly reversed the base of his "plebe" effort, and the first class man was the worst whipped victim seen in years, for he fought until fairly knocked senseless. That was Loring's last affair of the kind. He went about his duties next day as seriously and methodically as ever, without the faintest show of triumph, and when the vanquished cadet *finally returned* from hospital treated him with scrupulous courtesy that before the winter were away warmed even to kindliness, and when the spring came the two were cracking friends.

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CHAPTER VI

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SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, FEB. 17, 1899

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Emerson Mitzel.—You are authorized to announce my name as a candidate for the nomination of County Commissioner subject to the rules governing the Republican party.

ALBERT PETERSON.

Kane, Pa., Jan'y 2, 1899.

We are authorized to announce the name of J. C. Carlson of Lewis Run as a candidate for the nomination of County Commissioner, subject to the rules governing the Republican party of McKean county.

We are authorized to announce that C. W. Freeman of Eldred is a candidate for the nomination of County Commissioner subject to the rules governing the Republican party of McKean county.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Prothonotary and Register and Recorder, subject to the rules of the Republican party of McKean county.

G. W. Mitchell

Smethport, Pa., Feb. 10, 1899.

THE New York Legislature is struggling with the pure beer question.

"OLD Mother Democracy" is carrying on a flirtation with Admiral Dewey and being her utmost to induce the gallant "old sea dog" to become her beau in 1900; but the Admiral is too leary, he does not take the bait.

GEN. WATTERSON says that if Bryan is renominated next year on the old platform nothing more can be done than to "close the open grave and plant some flowers above the last remains of the Democratic party."—Ohio Times.

By all means give Bryan a show. He is on the toboggan; let him slide.

UP to a late hour this afternoon neither Senators Hoar or Hale had resigned. If an election for United States Senator were to take place in their States this week and they were candidates they would not get a vote.—Harrisburg Telegraph.

Ditto, with the Assemblymen of Lebanon county. Put that in your pipe and smoke it.

ATTORNEY GEORGE A. BERRY of Bradford has written a long letter to the Bradford Era endorsing Judge Morrison's appointment to the Supreme bench of the State. Mr. Berry truthfully states that the western part of the State is without representation in the Supreme Court. The MINER heartily endorses what Mr. Berry says in his letter.

LABOR in this country is independent and proud. It has not to ask the patronage of capital, but capital solicits the aid of labor.—Port Allegany Reporter.

Bro. Lillibridge, like an old war horse, has heard the bugle call of Republican prosperity. Four years ago he would have been compelled (if truthful) to have said labor was dependent instead of "independent." It seems to do a Democrat a power of good to pull through a Republican trumpet occasionally.

In the proper place in this issue will be found the announcement of G. W. Mitchell as a candidate for Prothonotary and Register and Recorder. Mr. Mitchell was elected in 1893 when the office actually went begging for a candidate, owing to the closeness of the vote and the popularity of Hugh Brawley, the Democratic candidate. Mr. Mitchell became the candidate that year and won the race. He has made one of the most popular officials that ever held that honored position, accommodating and obliging to everyone he has won the respect and good will of all regardless of political belief. He is a staunch Republican and if made the standard bearer of his party there will be no question of his election, but simply the size of the majority.

THE said Quay members of the Legislature are doing more than preventing the election of Senator Quay. They are blocking the wheels of legislation and are dallying with the time which is paid for by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. For this course they should certainly be condemned.—Mt. Jewett News.

There are worse things than "dallying with the time which is paid for by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," and one of them is attempting to elect a man to the United States Senate under indictment on the charge of committing a felony. The Members of Assembly who are doing their utmost to place this stain upon Pennsylvania ought to be condemned, and they will be by their constituents when they have an opportunity to give them a piece of their mind.

THE Legislatures of every State ought to pass the most stringent laws possible against hazing, as the following from the Buffalo Express will show to what extremes students will go in what they call fun:

Wooster, O., Feb. 12.—The students of Wooster University have an organization known as the "Oboeyn Club." The one thing necessary for admission is that a candidate come close in his life must have had his coxsyx broken. Ernest Weld, a freshman of Marysville, was initiated night before last. He was placed in a box, gagged and handcuffed. An expressman delivered the box to his sister at Hoover cottage. The box was left standing in the cold. When Weld was taken out of the box he was almost dead from exposure and his coat wore so badly from it that he may lose them. The members of the club are threatened with arrest. Three of the leaders are sons of prominent residents of Wooster.

REPUBLICANS under the State government have recently been sent into different parts of the State seeking signatures to petitions that the Legislature pass the Quay jury bill. If these employes have nothing better than that to do the places they occupy should be abolished and the money saved to the people. The expense of getting signatures in favor of the Quay bill ought to be paid by those who want the bill passed.—Philadelphia Press.

THEY have been around this county and prominent Quay followers have visited different sections of the county urging voters to sign petitions favoring the election of Mr. Quay and the passage of the McCarrell bill. It is doubtful if they met with much success as the rank and file of the Republican voters of McKean county are sick and tired of this incessant Quay collar and the necessity of continually hustering to keep it alive.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13, 1899.

The Senate has got to pass the Hull army bill, which has been reported from the Committee on Military Affairs, with a few minor amendments or there will be an extra session of Congress. Such is the ultimatum of President McKinley to the combine of Democratic Senators who have undertaken the job of holding up the army bill, and he means business. The Democratic offer to compromise by authorizing a continuation of the regular army on a war basis for one year from next July, has been rejected. The reorganization and increase of the army provided for in the Hull bill is regarded as necessary by President McKinley and he intends to have it, if not from this Congress then from an extra session of the fifty sixth Congress, to be called immediately after the close of the present session. Not only are all the volunteers entitled under the terms of their enlistment to an immediate discharge as soon as the treaty of peace goes into effect, which will be as soon as the Spanish Cortes has ratified the treaty and copies of it have been exchanged by representatives of Spain and the United States, but more than half the regulars enlisted with the same provision—that they could claim their discharge at the close of the war.

Unless Gen. Otis is mistaken, his one week's campaign against the Filipinos, which was a succession of victories from start to finish, has given Aguinaldo's army all the fighting they want—has in fact scattered and destroyed that army and given the Filipinos an object lesson on the power of the United States. By the way, speaking of Gen Otis, it is well to remember that the Military Governor of the Philippines and commander of the American army is Maj. Gen. E. S. Otis, while the commander of the brigade which won such a brilliant victory at the capture of Caloocan, is Brigadier General Harrison S. Otis, lately a well-known California editor. There has been a tendency to mix up these two officers of the same name.

The report of the treasury bureau of statistics for the year ending Dec. 31, 1898, just made public, shows that Great Britain continues to be our best foreign customer, notwithstanding the steady decrease in our purchases from the British. In 1898 we sold goods to the value of $538,861,787 to Great Britain, an increase of $56,000,000 over 1897. In 1898 we bought of Great Britain goods to the value of $111,361,617, a decrease on the value of our 1897 purchases of $32,000,000. These figures do not make pleasant reading for those who predicted that the Dingley tariff would entirely destroy our foreign commerce, but they strongly vindicate a protective tariff.

Gen. Eagan, whose court martial sentence of dismissal from the army was mitigated by the President to six years suspension from duty, is likely to remain in Washington until the Military Court of Inquiry called by the President to give Gen. Miles an opportunity to prove his charges that bad meat was issued to our troops in Cuba and Porto Rico completes its work, as he will be an important witness before the court. The court will meet Wednesday and get right down to work, but it will take some time to finish its job. The appointment of this Court of Inquiry shows that instead of being disposed to act against Gen. Miles, the President is disposed to afford him every opportunity to make good his charges.

The substance of the report of the War Investigating Commission was given out as soon as the report was placed in the President's hands and an abstract of the report, made by direction of the President, has just been given to the press. Although the report is as a whole commendatory of the conduct of the war, it contains numerous criticisms of particular acts, which fall short of what it should have been. The abstract of the report contains every one of these criticisms as well as the reasons for making them. It will require an act of Congress to provide for any distribution of printed copies of the entire report and of the evidence taken by the Commission.

IN A NUT SHELL.

For a long time it has been currently reported that any State Senator or Member of Assembly who did not put on the Quay collar and obey the behests of the boss would be unable to accomplish anything in the way of legislation at Harrisburg. Many could not credit this assertion, but here comes indisputable evidence from two of Quay's followers from Lebanon county, Representatives Zerbe and Meyer. These two gentlemen last week issued an open letter to their constituents in which they used the following language in giving their reasons for voting for Quay:

"We saw, in order to give us any standing and to secure for our county that recognition which we felt to be due that we would have to go with the majority of our party in the Legislature. Not only was this deemed necessary in the matter of appointments, but in the graver and more momentous matters, where we felt bound to secure as to gain for us and our constituents the consideration and aid of our fellow legislators."

Things have come to a pretty pass when no matter how much the Republican voters of any district may be opposed to Mr. Quay and his dictatorial ways, Members of Assembly should be compelled to go contrary to the wishes of their constituents in order to be able to accomplish anything in the way of legislation. It is high time that the free men of Pennsylvania should rise in their might and hurl this despot from his position. Break the bonds that have been drawing together until they have become unbearable. Let us be free men once more.

FOR THE HONOR OF THE STATE.

The battle still progressing at Harrisburg is a battle for purification not only of State Republican politics but it is one effort to restore to this Commonwealth that good name among men which has become so sadly smirched through the crew that has so long held sway. The practices that have so disgraced the State are part and parcel of the evil that we know by the term of Quayism. The Quay machine is simply a combination of men associated together for the purpose of private gain at public expense. Mr. Quay, as the ruling spirit of this combination, must be kept in power, or the whole rotten concern will fall to pieces like a house of cards. Hence every energy is bent to the task of saving Quay from the retribution that seems about to overtake him. And unless a Republican is willing to forego his manly independence and acknowledge Quay as his master, he can have no place in the Republican party that is officered by the Quay machine. This is the plain issue in Pennsylvania, and if Republicans are determined that they will not let the party die, and so maintain this status both as men and as Republicans, they must persevere until the Quay machine is destroyed and the Republican party is saved.—West Chester Republican.

An Honest Medicine for La Grippe.

George W. Watt of South Gardiner, Me., says: "I have had the worst cough, cold, chills and grip and have taken lots of trash of no account but profit to the vendor. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the only thing that has done any good whatever. I have used one 50-cent bottle and the chills, cold and grip have all left me. I congratulate the manufacturers of an honest medicine. For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

EXPRESSIONS OF THE BAR.

The committee appointed by the Honorable Court to give expression to the feelings of the bar of McKean county on the death of the late Justice Henry W. Williams, beg leave to present the resolutions following:

In the order of nature another distinguished member of our profession has departed from our sight. It being well for us, as we are passing on, to note the ominous fact of the falling out of any from our ranks, therefore

Resolved, That in the death of Justice Williams we have lost a friend, tried and true; a Judge who, while he presided over our Courts, was honored by the bar and all the people. He was an honor to our county and to our Judicial district while he was President Judge. He received the support of our voters without party distinctions because of his high personal character and judicial fitness. His call to become a Justice of the Supreme Court of our Commonwealth gave us pleasure in that the place was due to him, but sorrow as well, in that he would be removed from our frequent associations and delightful personal intercourse. No words of ours could add lustre to the opinions he has left recorded in the volumes of our State Reports. These will survive long after our ashes mingle with his, and when none of us will be known except in memory.

Resolved, Furthermore, that we cherish his memory because of his endearing and valuable personal qualities; his urbanity, his considerate thoughtfulness, his broad sympathies and active interests in all matters of public concern.

Resolved, That we extend our sympathies to his sorrowing family whose loss is greater than ours only that they had greater claims on him while living.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered on the minutes of the Court and an engrossed copy, with the proceedings of the Court, be forwarded to the family of the deceased.

BYRON D. HAMLIN,
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It is ordered that the report of the committee be adopted and spread upon the records and that an engrossed copy thereof be forwarded to the family of the distinguished Jurist and as a token of respect to his memory that the Courts do now stand adjourned.

Per Curiam,
T. A. MORRISON,
Judge.

School Report.

Following is the report of the Smethport schools for the fifth month:

PRIMARY.

Total attendance, 47.
Per cent. of attendance, boys, 88; girls 88.
Following pupils were not absent during the month:

Frank Burlson*	Guard Young
Rubin Bailey	Edna Anderson
Clinton Clark	Ida Badger
Addie Sugarman	Laura Glavin
Elmer Holland	Julia Miller

Visitors—Mesdames H. C. Wells, D C Young, J. N. Forsythe; Misses Compton, Backus and Choate.

Mary I. Dibble, Teacher.

SECOND AND THIRD GRADES.

Total attendance, 63.
Per cent. of attendance, boys, 86 8; girls, 88.4.
The following were not absent during the month:

Pearl Anderson	Jennie Baker
Zora Bridsall	Winnifred Clark
Bessie Engstrom	Alan Eckels
Belva Gerrit	Edna Holland
Edie Gavin	Ralph Herzog
Russell Lindsley	Luben Likenshil
Scott McClure	Elmer Ottesen
Wyatt Quinn	Alfred Shepherd
Ethel Evans*	Edwin Todd

Visitors—Mesdames Young, Specht; Misses Backus, Choate.

Rose Allen, Teacher.

FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADES.

Total number in attendance 52.
Per cent. of attendance, boys, 90; girls, 92.
Pupils not absent during the month:

Anna Bates	Grace Hutman
Nellie Brennan	Ruth Holmes
Jessie Bush	Donna Lyman
Martha Eckels	Bessie Ottesen
Mildred Grigsby	Jessie Provin
Vera Hall	Jennie Sugarman
Ellen Shanghnessy	Olive Todd
Lena Young	Roy Colegrove
Sidney Burdick	Frank Fleming
Harry Bonkie	Earl Hafner
Samuel Grigsby	

Visitors—Mesdames Specht, Young, Forsythe; Misses Backus, Choate.

M. M. Hibbard, Teacher.

SIXTH AND SEVENTH GRADES.

Total attendance, 61.
Per cent of attendance, boys, 92; girls, 91.
The following pupils were not absent during the month:

Ward Weaver	Chas. Church*
Fred Bower	Addie Mosier*
Kenneth Mayo*	Eva Hoffman
Chester Townsend	Estella Rubin
Lloyd Downey	Myra Sullivan
John Bigel	Theo Gifford
Harry Sass	Leah Johnson
Harold Bennett	Hazel Abbey
Myron Gahan	Ethel Sherry

Visitors—Mrs Specht; Misses Backus, Choate Genevieve Stevenson, Teacher.

EIGHTH GRADE.

Total attendance, 23.
Per cent. of attendance, boys, 92; girls, 98.
The following pupils were not absent during the month:

Earl Abbey	Bessie Provin
Mary Kessler*	Ethel Tull
Rachel Mayo*	Libby Oyatt
Bertha Weichsel*	Mable Camp*

Visitors—Philip Vickery, Elmer Rosier.

Stella Tate, Teacher.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Total attendance, 41.
Per cent. of attendance, boys, 91; girls, 91.
The following named pupils were not absent during the month:

Howard King	Harry Camp
Fred McCarty*	Chas. Musser
Geoffrey Mayo*	Ora Bowers
Montford Green	Edna Church
Matilda Markson	Beatrice Gifford
Chas. McCarty*	Estelle Martin
J. L. Morrison	Amanda Anderson
Elmer Musser	Minnie Colegrove
Harry Rohan	Ida Rubin
Orvill Tuttle*	Florence Stuart*

Visitors—Dora Keenan, Jennie McAbon; May Christie, Lucy Eckles, Edna Hafner, Mrs. Forsythe.

Those not marked with a star were neither absent nor tardy during the month.

W. F. Eckels, Principal.
Alice J. Bickers, Assistant.

A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hartsell-Gor on, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in consumption. Four doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved and am now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at A. B. Armstrong & Co.'s drug store. Regular size 50c and $1 00. Guaranteed or price refunded.

Danger of the Grip.

The greatest danger from la grippe is from its resulting in pneumonia. If reasonable care is used, however, and Chamberlain's Cough Remedy taken, all danger will be avoided. Among the tens of thousands who have used this remedy for la grippe we have yet to learn of a single case having resulted in pneumonia which shows conclusively that this remedy is a certain preventive of that dangerous disease. It will cure la grippe in less time than any other treatment. It is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

La grippe is again epidemic. Every precaution should be taken to avoid it. Its specific cure is One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Shepard, publisher Agricultural Journal and Advertiser, Elden, Mo., says: "No one will be disappointed in using One Minute Cough Cure for la grippe." Pleasant to take, quick to act. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

For La Grippe.

Thomas Whitfield & Co., 240 Wabash av., corner Jackson st., one of Chicago's oldest and most prominent druggists, recommends Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for la grippe, as it not only gives a prompt and complete relief, but also counteracts any tendency of la grippe to result in pneumonia. For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

The smallest things may exert the greatest influence. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are unequalled for overcoming constipation and liver troubles. Small pill, best pill, safe pill. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Coughing injures and inflames sore lungs. One Minute Cough Cure loosens the cold, allays coughing and heals quickly. The best cough cure for children. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

FOR RENT.—A house containing six plastered rooms; has good cellar, good water, large garden. Situated at East Smethport, Pa. Address

GEO. CANFIELD, DuBois, Pa.

Give the "Tobacco Girl" a pull.

SHERIFF'S SALES

BY VIRTUE OF SUNDRY WRITS OF F. fa. D. Finian, Levari Facias and Venditioni Exponas, Alias Fieri Facias, Fieries Fieri Facias, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., and to me directed, will expose at public sale at the Court House in the borough of Smethport, on

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1899,

at 1 p. m., the following several pieces of property:

1.

Defendant's interest in all those certain pieces, parcels or tracts of land, lying and being in the Borough of Eldred, County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

First Piece.—Beginning in the center of Edison street at the southeast corner of lot conveyed to Josephene Crandall; thence north about one hundred and ten (110) feet to Hockin' northeast corner; thence east parallel with Hockin' north line ninety-two (92) feet; thence south about one hundred and ten (110) feet to the center of Edison street; thence west along the center of Edison street in place of beginning, containing forty-two (42) square rods, be the same more or less, being the same piece or parcel of land conveyed to Henry Eaton by T. S. Bennett and Mary F. Bennett by deed dated the seventh day of February, 1891.

Also, Second Piece, to wit:—Beginning at the center of Edison street at the southeast corner of a lot formerly deeded by T. S. Bennett to Henry F. Bennett; thence by same line running north a distance of one hundred and twenty (120) feet more or less to northeast corner of said Henry Eaton lot; thence east twenty-three (23) feet more or less to the west line of land deeded to Mrs. J. A. Cary; thence south along said Cary's line one hundred and twenty (120) feet more or less to the center of Edison street; thence west along the center of Edison street twenty-three (23) feet more or less to place of beginning, being the same piece or parcel of land conveyed to Henry Eaton by T. S. Bennett and Mary F. Bennett by deed dated the eighteenth day of July, 1891.

Also, Third Piece, to-wit:—Beginning at the northeast corner of lot conveyed to Albert Crandall, also being at the southwest corner of lot conveyed to Evlyn Turner; thence east along Evlyn Turner's line about eighty (80) feet to southeast corner of Evlyn Turner's land; thence south about thirty (30) feet to a corner in line of lot conveyed to Henry Eaton; thence west about eighty (80) feet to the southeast corner of lot conveyed to Albert Crandall; thence north along the east line of Albert Crandall's lot about thirty (30) feet to place of beginning. Containing two thousand (2,000) square feet, be the same more or less, being the same piece or parcel of land conveyed to Henry Eaton by T. S. Bennett and Mary F. Bennett by deed dated the eighteenth day of January, 1891.

The above described pieces or parcels of land being improved and having thereon erected one two-story frame dwelling house and one board barn, usual out-buildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Henry Eaton at the suit of Emilie A. Burnham, use of James Hennigan.

Plaintiff.

2.

Defendants' interest in all that certain piece or parcel of land situate and lying in the Borough of Kane, McKean County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the east side of said Pioneta avenue fifty (50) feet north of the northeast corner of said Pioneta avenue and Elm street; thence north along the east side of said Pioneta avenue fifty (50) feet; thence east, parallel with said Elm street, one hundred and ninety-five (195) feet to a 20 ft. wide alley; thence south, along the west line of said 20 ft. wide alley, fifty (50) feet; thence west one hundred and ninety-five (195) feet to the place of beginning. Containing 9,750 sq. ft. more or less, and being the southerly one-half of lot known as lot No. 42 in the Wiggan & Tyrrel survey, and being the same land conveyed to party of the first part hereto by Mary A. Dye Force and husband by deed dated the 12th day of July, 1897, and intended to be recorded. Improved and having thereon erected one two-story frame dwelling house with addition and usual out-buildings.

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Defendant's interest in all that certain tract or parcel of land situate in the City of Bradford, County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a post in the southeast corner of lands conveyed onto Thomas Scroxton by Robert G. Cochran and wife; thence northerly along the east line thereof seventy and one-half (70½) feet more or less to the lands hereinbefore conveyed by said Thomas Scroxton to Johnson; thence westerly along the south line of lands now owned by said Johnson and J. Baker to the west line of Scroxton's lands and the southwest corner of said Baker's land; thence southerly along the west line of said Scroxton's land seventy and one-half (70½) feet more or less, said parcel with the said line thereof to a post in the south line of said Scroxton's land; thence easterly along the south line of said Scroxton's land seventy-eight and one-half (78½) feet more or less to the place of beginning, being part of the land conveyed to Thomas Scroxton by Robert G. Cochran and wife by deed dated September 7th, 1893, and being the same premises deeded to Amanda Fisher by Thomas Scroxton and wife by deed dated January 5th, 1897 and recorded in the Recorder's office of McKean county in Deed Book 80, page 310, etc. Improved and having thereon one two-story frame dwelling house and usual out-buildings.

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you are receiving more real value for your money than any other ten cigar offers you?

If you DON'T KNOW get into the band wagon and KNOW WHY. At all first-class cigar stands.

McKean County Miner

Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, FEB. 17, 1899.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—There are eight steady boarders at Castle Davis.

—Franklinville is without a hotel at the present time.

—William Andorfer has moved into W. F. Walsh's new house on Water street.

—The gratifying news comes from Coudersport that Judge Olmsted is improving.

—For Saturday cash bargains closely scan the advertisement of J. Colegrove in another column.

—In his advertisement this week A. E. Stickles talks of shoes and quotes some very low prices.

—Hon. R. B. Stone of Bradford has been appointed one of the trustees of the asylum at Warren.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Huff of Colegrove are entertaining a young son which arrived last Saturday.

—Last Friday Philadelphians experienced the coldest weather in 33 years—4 1 degrees below zero.

—Maurice Mulvihill of the Central has been suffering with aching back for a few days, but is improving.

—Mrs. H. C. Wells has been having a tussle with the grip, but is much improved at the present writing.

—J. F. Rooney has been having a severe attack of the grip for the last two weeks, but is gradually improving.

—City Treasurer Archie McLean of Bradford died very suddenly at 12:15 yesterday afternoon of heart failure.

—The MINER is in receipt of the Philadelphia Times Almanac for 1899. It is a complete work, full of useful information.

—The barn of A. Clemenger of Kane was destroyed by fire early last Sunday morning. Loss about $500 and no insurance.

—We are pleased to state that C. D. Calkins, who has been very ill at his home in East Smethport, is feeling considerably better.

—Mrs. John Lindholm last Saturday presented her husband with a bouncing boy, and John was graciously seiting up the cigars.

—The Eldred Bottling works and boiler house were entirely destroyed by fire last Saturday night. There was a small insurance on the property.

—Mrs. Grant Duke of Wellsville committed suicide last Saturday afternoon by shooting herself with a revolver. Despondency was the alleged cause.

—The Rev. A. R. Kieffer of Bradford will preach in St. Luke's church on next Monday at 7:30 p. m. The subject of the sermon will be, "Why Men Don't go to Church."

—Last Friday night Harry Rubin and Merle Beebe gave a party to their young friends at the residence of Mrs. J. C. Beebe. The young people had a most enjoyable time.

—James McCready of Clermont died last Wednesday night. Funeral services at Clermont this morning, Father O'Brien officiating. Interment at St. Elizabeth's cemetery, Smethport.

—J. F. Keating of Clermont informs the MINER that a company has been formed in Clermont and they will soon commence to drill several wells between the latter place and Kane.

—There was an incipient blaze at the residence of Miss M. Connolly in Bobtown Wednesday night which was subdued before the Hose Company arrived. There was no serious damage done.

—Last Wednesday while John Mills of Crosby was felling timber he was badly injured by a falling limb striking him on the head causing a bad scalp wound. Dr. John Clark attended the injured man.

—Oil City, it is claimed, has no "opera house, although the city has 15,000 inhabitants. Well, the Oil City denizens have our sympathy, as we know what it is to be deprived of such a convenience.

—Coast, Stone & Coast, the enterprising harness and carriage dealers of Olean, have a change of advertisement in this week's issue. This is a reliable firm and any orders placed with them will receive prompt attention. When in need of anything in their line give them a call.

—The G. L. S. C. gave a banquet at the Wright House last Tuesday night. All who attended unite in pronouncing the entertainment one of the most enjoyable in the history of the society in this borough.

—It is somewhat amusing to watch people on St. Valentine's day. Those who receive comic valentines pretend to be grossly insulted, while those who fail to receive any pout and grumble because they have been forgotten.

—George Stoops of Aiken fell in the snow from prostration caused by overwork last Friday afternoon and laid there for about five hours before he was discovered. He was terribly frozen, but hopes are entertained for his recovery.

—Smethport residents want an opera house to replace the one which was recently burned. Come over and we'll give you ours.—Potter Democrat. Smethport might accept the opera house but not the foundation. Too many skunk holes.

—A dinner consisting of roast turkey, cranberry sauce, jellies and accompanying substantials and delicacies will be served in the M. E. chapel, Wednesday, Feb. 22, at six o'clock, by the Ladies' Aid Society, for 25 cents. Come and feast.

—The Port Allegany Reporter gave a very concise and able report of the teachers' institute held there last week, but by some slip of the pen forgot to mention the shortage of gas that caused trouble (so reported) in one of their glass plants.

—A little girl, whose mother left her alone at night, after telling her the room was full of angels, was heard saying to her doll: "Now dollie you mustn't be afraid. The room is all full of angels. It beats the devil how afraid I am of angels."—Exchange.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Burdick have vacated their pleasant rooms over the store building of Messrs. Lindholm & Co. and are now boarding at the Wright House. This move was caused by their largely increased business in order to give them increased store room.

—The MINER this week received the Annual Report of the Inspectors of the Penitentiary of the Western District of Pennsylvania for the year ending Dec. 31, 1898. McKean county has 14 inmates at an annual cost of $3,240 41 to the county. For the year 1897 the cost was $2,465 54.

—As will be seen by referring to advertisement in another column the Chicago Optical Co.'s eye specialist will be at the drug store of A. B. Armstrong & Co. next Tuesday and Wednesday prepared to examine and fit with glasses the eyes of all afflicted with defective vision.

—Rev. Dr. Walker delivered his second lecture-sermon last Sunday evening on "The Cure of the Nobleman's Son." Next Sunday evening the subject will be, "The First Miraculous Draught of Fish." In the morning the subject will be, "The Law of Self-Denial; or following Christ."

—List of letters remaining in the postoffice at Smethport for the week ending Feb. 11: Mr. S. F. Blowers, Ben Fulkner, Miss Bertha Judson, Mr. A. H. Lebarron, Thos. McGraw, Mrs. P. H. McAhon, W. E. Ransom, Eugene Thornton. Persons calling for these letters please say "advertised."

—Since Thursday, February 9, this section has experienced the coldest continuous spell of weather ever known in this region. Thursday mercury dropped to 12 degrees below zero; Friday 18 below; Saturday 25½ below; Sunday 18½ below; Monday 2 below, and Tuesday 3 below. Tuesday morning Old Sol came out in all his glory and made life seem like worth living once more.

—Last Thursday night while Mrs. Orin Crandall of Turtle Point was going home from church she was run over by a team driven by a drunken driver and very severely injured, having three ribs and her cheek bone broken. She was accompanied by a young girl carrying a lantern and it seems that the brute who was driving the team might have exercised sufficient care to have saved the old lady from injury.

—At St. Luke's church on next Sunday the services will be at 8 and 10:30 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. At the evening services during Lent there will be short discourses on Temptation, Purity, Pride, Anger, Profanity, Covetousness. Weekday services on Mondays at 7:30 p. m., with sermons by Rev. Mr. Kieffer; on Wednesdays at 4:10 p. m., with talks to children, and on Fridays at 9 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

—An Ohio town has an effective plan for getting rid of the tramp nuisance. Residents of the town are supplied with tickets by the officials and when a tramp calls at a back door for a "handout" he is given a ticket good for a meal at any restaurant, when countersigned by the mayor. When a tramp presents the ticket for signature he will be asked to pound stone until he has earned the meal. The tramps catch on and give the town a wide berth.

—From all sections of the United States come reports of the intense cold that has predominated during the last ten days. At Montgomery, Ala., mercury dropped to 5 degrees below zero and it was reported 10 degrees below in Texas. What suffering the people in the sunny south must have endured. They are not prepared for the cold like the people in the northern States. When statistics are finally summed up, it will be found that thousands have lost their lives by the intense cold.

—The Erie Dispatch embarrasses the Clerk of the Courts in that county with the story that this year he received $1400 from 290 applicants for liquor licenses, and sidetracked to his own bank account $1280 of the amount, which was presumed to be for advertising. Three newspapers were paid $120 for advertising the license notices, or about 10 per cent. of the money paid in. Each applicant for license is charged $5 for advertising and the Clerk of the Courts shoves most of it into his own pocket.

—The man who has a good and industrious wife has reason to get down on his knees three times a day and thank God. A good woman can bring more sunshine and happiness into a family circle than a barrel of silver or a mine of gold, and can make all around her happy and contented as well as being the same herself. The nearest to heaven that man ever gets on this earth is when he can go home to the bosom of a family where peace and happiness reign and where discontent and turmoil enter not.—*Big Run Tribune.*

—Mrs. Harriet Gallup died at the residence of her son-in-law, J. B Kimball, in Norwich township on Monday morning last, aged 85 years and 9 months. Harriet Rood was born at Pittsford, Monroe county, N. Y., on November 14th, 1813. Her parents died when she was quite young. She came to Clermont, then Bunker Hill, when 14 years of age with the family of Samuel Gillis and resided there until 1833, when she was united in marriage to Andrew E. Gallup of Norwich township, who died in 1870. Since the death of Mr. Gallup deceased had resided with her daughter, Mrs. Mary B. Kimball. Mrs. Gallup was an exemplary Christian woman and had an extensive acquaintance among the older residents of the county. Two daughters, Mrs. Kimball and Mrs. Rosetta Canning, and one son, D. G. Gallup, survive her.

—Senator-elect Depew, addressing the Vassar Alumnae in New York on Saturday, said: "Girls don't expect anything for nothing. The other day I received a letter from a girl in Virginia. It was to this effect: 'If you look at the map of West Virginia, you will see in a certain spot a certain lake. It is about the size of a pin's head. My house stands alongside it. Your railway passes not far off. I have three beautiful bullpups, and I want to send two of them to your Governor Roosevelt, but I can't afford to pay fare for them. Now, if you will transport them for nothing, I will give you the other pup.'"

—Mr. and Mrs. James A. McKean gave a most enjoyable card party to about twenty of their friends last Tuesday night. This seemed like a party of ye olden time. No agonizing primping, but everyone acted natural and went in for having a most enjoyable time. Mrs. McKean afforded bushels of fun when she invited the gentlemen into the kitchen to turn pancakes with a frying pan. Each gentleman showed just how much he had assisted his mother when a kid. To the cooking seance the ladies were most interested spectators and how they enjoyed the struggles of some of the gentlemen with the little cakes.

—Mrs. John O. Boyer of Crosby died at her home last Saturday night of dropsy aged almost 69 years. The deceased was born in Genesee county, N. Y. Her maiden name was Miss Lucy Pattison. She came to Norwich township with her parents when quite a small child. She was joined in wedlock with Mr. Boyer in 1851, who preceded her to try the realities of the unknown just two months and two days, having passed away on the 9th of December last. The funeral was held at St. Elizabeth's church last Tuesday morning at ten o'clock, Father O'Brien officiating. The remains were placed in St. Elizabeth's cemetery. Five children remain to mourn the departure of the mother, three girls and two sons, all married but F. H. Boyer now of Rochester, N. Y.

—A case of almost unexampled ingratitude is reported to-day. Several tramps applied for lodging at the lockup last night. The lockup was so cold that no human being could stay in it with comfort. Ensign Turner, of the Salvation Army, took compassion on the hobos and gave them warm soup and warm lodgings at his headquarters. This morning warm soup was served again. All this was gratuitous on the part of Ensign Turner. But while soup was being served this morning one of the hobos watched his opportunity and got away with a coat belonging to his benefactor and skipped out with it. The only parallel case in local history occurred at Smethport a few years ago. A prisoner was arraigned for theft. J. W Bouton, Esq., volunteered to defend the man and succeeded in clearing him. After being discharged, the man crossed the street to Attorney Bouton's office and stole an overcoat belonging to Mr. Bouton.—Bradford Record.

—I wonder what some of the young women who frequent the drinking resorts of our city would think if they could step unobserved into a saloon where some of their male escorts were discussing the "merits" of their girls after getting rid of them for the night? Do you think girls for a moment that this does not take place? Young woman, do not deceive yourself. The same cup that cheers, intoxicates and loosens the tongue. If you were to hear yourself discussed by the male crowd you train with, you would hide your face for very shame. Still, you put yourself in a position where you are a subject for just such a discussion. Shun such places, girls. Shun them as you would a den of rattlesnakes. Your character, your all, are at the mercy of such companions. Stay at home with mother, with father, brother and sister. Stay alone if necessary. There you are safe from such blighting, such soul-destroying influences as you are confronted with by keeping such company.—Bradford Sunday Herald.

The New Railroad.

KUSHEQUA, Pa., Jan. 30, 1899.

EDITOR MCKEAN MINER,—

DEAR SIR:—In your local column last week a doubt is suggested whether I really contemplate building a standard gauge railroad through your borough or am merely bluffing, with a view to the sale of my railroad. Allow me to assure your readers that I have no intention of selling my railroad, there being no portion which I can dispense with in my business for at least six years to come. I am obliged to construct a branch of my railroad as far as Irons' Hollow in order to reach my timber there. I am also obliged to construct a railroad down Cole creek within two miles of the W. N. Y. & P. R'y at Farmers Valley. From either branch the construction of a comparatively short distance gives me a competitive outlet to the W. N. Y. & P. R'y. It is a question merely of comparative expense and prospective earnings whether my railroad shall pass through your borough and connect at East Smethport or shall connect at Farmers Valley. The cost of rights of way through Smethport is my principal concern; but, judging from the kindly assurances which I have met with from members of your board of trade, of council and others I am encouraged to believe that I shall be liberally treated. It is true, the grade of my railroad would be much better should I make the Farmers Valley connection, and there is a good opportunity to extend to Port Allegany from that point. On the other hand if I go to the expense of a connection at Smethport I may hope for considerable passenger travel between Smethport and Pittsburg and Erie, together with such intermediate points as Johnsonburg, Ridgway, DuBois and Butler on the B., R. & P. R'y and Philadelphia & Erie R. R. I also anticipate that the present progressive spirit of your board of trade will induce the location of new industries tributary to my line as soon as a standard gauge outlet is assured.

Respectfully,
ELISHA K. KANE.

Report.

Following is the report of the Nunundah Butter & Cheese Co., Limited, for the month of January:

Milk received from all patrons,	30882 lbs
Fat contained therein,	7141 lbs
Butter made therefrom,	9127 lbs
Butter sold for,	$2038
Cream and buttermilk sold for,	57 87
For making butter at 3½ cents per lb.	$91 94
Price of fat per pound, net,	.214
Average price of butter during month,	.242

These are dangerous times for the health. Croup, colds and throat troubles lead rapidly to consumption. A bottle of One Minute Cough Cure used at the right time will preserve life, health and a large amount of money. Pleasant to take. Children like it. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Notice, Sale.

I have 2 sets heavy sleighs, 1 set light sleighs, 1 lumber wagon, 1 horse, 1 colt, 1 set heavy harness, 1 set light harness which I will sell at a very low figure. Call at residence.

2-17 MRS E. H. TAYLOR.

Horses for Sale.

I have 8 heavy horses and 3 four-year-old colts for sale. Time given on good security. M. A. LILLIBRIDGE,
Port Allegany, Pa., Jan. 25, 1899.

Paul Perry of Columbus, Ga., suffered agony for thirty years, and then cured his piles by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It heals in juries and skin diseases like magic. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

A. B. Armstrong & Co. guarantee the American Silver Truss to give entire satisfaction or refund money.

Messrs E. C. Henry & Co are headquarters for the sale of Pittsburg stogies. Give them a trial.

Discount of 5 per cent on all purchases of $1 00 or more by paying cash at A. B. Armstrong & Co.'s.

The finest of room moulding 50 varities to select from. Call on L. Kenny Water street.

Condersport's Serious Fire.

Last Friday night Coudersport was visited by a serious conflagration. The business districts will be rebuilt with brick. We copy from the Coudersport Democrat:

As we go to press a portion of the business places of the town is in ashes, and our main streets resemble an Oriental bazar so crowded are they with articles of every description that were saved from the conflagration.

The fire alarm sounded at 7 p. m. and though the department responded immediately, owing to the extreme cold weather, the fire had gained considerable headway before the stream could be directed on the flames. The fire originated from a defective flue in the merchant tailoring establishment of M. Gillon and spread to the market of K. Zimmerman and the feed store of M. J. Gridley, the upper part of which was occupied as a dwelling by C. A. Andress. This building was totally destroyed, but owing to the untiring energy and coolness of Mrs. Andress the household effects were all saved. The buildings were built in such close proximity that it was thought to be almost impossible to save any of the block. The Shelhberger block, containing the cigar manufactory of H. Shelberger and the bakery and confectionery of Wm. Metzger was not entirely destroyed but damaged to such an extent as to place it beyond repairs. The building occupied by Hugh Kernan, the upper part of which served as living apartments was totally destroyed and no building remains from K. A. Allen's place of business to the corner of Main and First streets. Besides this a number of barns and sheds in the rear of Main street business places were destroyed. The fire company did ample service, but owing to the lack of pressure in the water mains it was impossible to secure sufficient force to make any progress against the fire.

Almost all articles of moveable nature were saved. The losses as far as can be learned were small, the greater part of the buildings being insured. M. L. Gridley's building was insured for $800 and stock for $500; M. Gillon, stock $700; Mrs. Nelson, building $400; Hugh Kernan, fixtures $300; building owned by R. Nichols and insured but for what amount was not learned. The losses of the building owned by S Shelberger and occupied by Wm. Metzger and S. Shelberger together with the facts as to whether it was insured and the amount we have not been able to learn, but Mr Metzger suffered the loss of about $125 worth of flour.

Masonic Banquet.

Last Monday night quite a large delegation of Masons with their wives and lady friends gathered at the Wright House to partake of their annual banquet. By 8:30 at least 50 ladies and gentlemen were gathered in the parlors, some enjoying a social chat, others engaged in cards until about 10:30, when Comrade Wright announced supper and the guests took up the line of march to the dining room. When all were ranged around the tables Master of Ceremonies F. D Gallup requested Prof. W. P. Eckels to offer grace, after which all took their seats around the beautifully spread tables.

The dining room was most beautifully decorated and the five lovely young ladies who waited on the tables all dressed alike attracted considerable attention.

After considerable time spent in enjoyment of the feast Mr. Gallup called upon Mr. Gorton to tell of his experience at former feasts, but the speaker strayed from the subject and informed his audience how much he enjoyed being a Mason.

Mr. Charles Miller of the Central was then called upon, who favored the company with a short but very interesting talk on the beauty of Masonry and its teachings. Mr. Miller has evidently had considerable practice along this line as he seems to be right at home on such occasions and never gets too full for utterance.

Prof. Eckels was called upon and in a brief but most interesting talk presented Mr. Gorton with a Past Master's jewel of most beautiful workmanship and design. Mr. Gorton most feelingly responded to this token of love and esteem from his brethren.

This closed the exercises at the banquet and it being almost midnight the guests began to take their departure for home after having spent a most enjoyable evening. Miss Lucy Mitchell favored the company with some fine music and Miss Edith Shoemaker sang a solo. Such gatherings as these are what makes life better and purer and we ought to have more of them.

Card of Thanks.

Being about to remove from Smethport I take this means of expressing my heartfelt thanks to the good people for their many acts of kindness shown me during a residence of eighteen years among them, and especially to those who labored so heroically to save my property from destruction on the night of Nov. 23d. That the lives of all may be blessed with peace and plenty is the sincere wish of

MRS. J. E. KITTERIDGE.

To Save La Grippe Cure.

There is no use suffering from this dreadful malady, if you will only get the right remedy. You are having pain all through your body, your liver is out of order, have no appetite, no life or ambition, have a bad cold, in fact are completely used up. Electric Bitters is the only remedy that will give you prompt and sure relief. They act directly on your liver, stomach and kidneys, tone up the whole system and make you feel like a new being. They are guaranteed to cure or price refunded. For sale at A. B. Armstrong & Co.'s drug store; only 50 cents per bottle.

Notice to Teachers.

The examination for applicants for permanent certificates will be held at Bradford, Friday and Saturday, March 31st and April 1st. Further information and blanks for application can be had by applying to

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ANNIN CREEK.

It is getting dangerous for people to travel near Turtle Point. Only a short time ago Wm. Buckley and Charley Hodges were driving home from Turtle Point and were overtaken by a team with a pair of lumber sleighs. The man driving the team was in too great a hurry to either give the road or ask for it but crashed into the buggy, throwing Will and Charley to the ground and smashing things up generally. The man, whose name we withhold, was glad to settle for $10 the next morning.

But for the stillness of the air and timely aid of some of the neighbors Burt Wandover's house would have burned to the ground Friday morning. Fire broke out in the roof and was under good headway when discovered. Burt was away at Mina. Wesley Kinney and Charles Wandover, with the aid of the two daughters of the latter and Mrs. Burt Wandover, held the fire in check until reinforcements arrived. Everything was removed from the house, which was only saved by tearing off the roof.

Emeline, the 23-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Winship, died at 2 p. m. on Feb. 8, after ten weeks of terrible suffering from pleurisy caused by grip. She was buried Sunday noon.

Mrs. E. C. Cooper of Mina visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wightman, the first of the week.

The thermometer registered 30 degrees below zero Friday morning.

FLORIDA.

Personally-Conducted Tour via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company's third tour of the present season to Jacksonville, allowing two weeks in Florida, will leave New York and Philadelphia by special train of Pullman Palace Cars Tuesday, February 21. Excursion tickets, including railway transportation, Pullman accommodations (one berth) and meals en route in both directions while traveling on the special train, will be sold at the following rates: New York, $50; Philadelphia, $48; Canandaigua, $52 85; Erie, $54 85; Wilkesbarre, $50 35; Pittsburg, $53; and at proportionate rates from other points.

For tickets, itineraries and full information apply to ticket agents: Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York; 789 Broad street Newark, N. J.; or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

Washington's Birthday Excursion to Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

To accommodate those who missed the last Ice Bridge excursion on account of the extremely cold weather, the W. N. Y. & P. Ry. offers you another opportunity to visit Niagara Falls and Buffalo, Wednesday, Feb. 22nd.

Train will leave Smethport at 9:20 a. m. arriving Buffalo 12:50 noon; Niagara Falls 1:50 p. m. Fare for the round trip $2 25. Returning, tickets will be good for passage on all trains Feb. 22nd and 23d.

Never before has such quantities of ice accumulated at the Falls. The Ice Bridge, Palace and Ice formations on the trees and shrubbery are most beautiful and of sufficient quantities to last late into the spring.

Excellent attractions are offered by the Buffalo theatres. Do not miss this last opportunity for a mid-winter outing.

A NOTEWORTHY DEPARTURE.

Sixty Cents Worth of Entertainment for only Five Cents.

It has been considered wonderful to publish a magazine for ten cents containing as much reading matter as would be given in 30 columns of the average newspaper. But the great Philadelphia Sunday Press comes to the front with the announcement that, beginning next Sunday, February 19, it will be so enlarged that each number will contain as much reading matter as any ten cent magazine. Just think of it! For five cents you can get the Philadelphia Sunday Press and all the short stories, essays and instructive matter of ten cent monthly magazines. It will be a wonder.

PERSONAL MENTION.

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Miss Flora Jackson of Smethport is a guest of Mrs. Jas. McGuire.

J. W. Campbell of Kane spent several days in town this week.

P. H. Lavelle of Chaffee was calling on friends in town Tuesday.

F. H. Reed of Clermont was transacting business at the hub Tuesday.

T. B. Clark of Bradford was transacting business in town Wednesday.

Dr. J. C. Brough returned from a business visit to Buffalo Saturday night.

Mrs. H. L. McCoy and son, Charles E., visited Buffalo friends Monday.

C. S. Bard of Port Allegany autographed at the Wright House Wednesday.

Deputy Sheriff Clarke and G. B. Mayo transacted business in Eldred yesterday.

Dr. John Clark returned from a visit to his old home at Troy, Canada, Tuesday.

J. F. Keating of Clermont was a most agreeable caller at the MINER office Monday.

Dr. F. C. Pierce went to Warren to-day to visit his parents. He will return Monday.

F. D. Gallup boarded the evening train for Williamsport Tuesday to attend Superior Court.

N. C. Gallup of Colegrove was a visitor in town Monday and kindly remembered the MINER.

C. G. Jackson and W. E. Parsons of Mt. Jewett were guests at the Grand Central Wednesday.

Attorney J. W. Bouton left for Williamsport Saturday night to attend Superior Court held there this week.

Mrs. Elida Chase, who has been at Hazelhurst for some time, returned to her home in East Smethport on Tuesday.

Mrs. E. R. Mayo went to Duke Center yesterday to visit her brother, John V. Brown, who is quite ill with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Curtis returned home Saturday evening after spending several days with friends in Buffalo and Holland.

Attorney E. R. Mayo started for Williamsport via Kane Monday night to attend the sessions of the Superior Court this week.

Miss Alice Thamm went to Hazelhurst Wednesday where she will look after the millinery business of Mrs. Carrie Reilly & Co.

Sheriff J. F. Davis and wife, with a couple of lady friends, enjoyed the sleighing and took in the sights of the bustling town of Hazelhurst Wednesday.

T. J. Gilbert of Machias was in town Wednesday evening calling on friends. He reported having received an appointment at Albany during the session of the legislature.

R. W. Hilton of Hacken was in town last Tuesday, driving a fine pair of well matched horses. Mr. Hilton informed the MINER that he expects to start a large general store at that place in the near future.

Mrs. J. E. Kitteridge will leave to-morrow for Bradford where she will make her home for some time. She has been a resident of Smethport for about nineteen years and in that time has fairly completed friendships every resident of our town who is so fortunate as to possess her acquaintance. The MINER, with a host of friends, unite in wishing her continued health, happiness and prosperity. Friends she will find everywhere because she possesses the happy faculty of drawing every one to her and binding them with bonds of love and affection.

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Have you read the hundreds of testimonials from the most prominent people published in our Circular, can be had free at Armstrong's Drugstore, testifying as to the great relief and comfort obtained to their eyes by the use of my celebrated Eye-perfecting Crystal Spectacles and Eye Glasses. Among them are as follows: Governors, Judges of Circuit and Court of Appeals, Clergymen, Lawyers, Justices of the peace, Physicians, Bankers, Merchants and Mechanics.

If you are a headache sufferer, or do your eyes ache or pain while reading, writing or sewing, or during the action of any bright light, why not call and have your eyes scientifically examined and procure a pair of my celebrated Crystal Glasses, and obtain instant relief? Entire satisfaction Guaranteed.

THE GREATEST CARE should be taken with children's eyes, and they should receive close attention. When a child holds its book conspicuously near, when he has difficulty in seeing figures on the blackboard at school, when he complains of his eyes hurting and of headaches, have the eyes examined and, if necessary, corrected and let him grow up in the comfort of perfect vision. If a child can see better with glasses, he should wear them. To say that he is too small or too young to wear glasses is as reasonable as it is to contend that he is too young to have a fever or a toothache. The continued neglect of a child's eyes may cause strabismus (cross-eye). The eyes are too short for paper vision. Too much strain is brought on the muscle that move them, in consequence of which they become crossed. This defect can be cured by the continued wearing of properly adjusted glasses.

NO AGENTS OR PEDDLERS EMPLOYED.

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We can giv U Men's oil grain, pegged, heavy work shoe, $1.30.

Broad toe calf, ½ fine, $1 30—these 2 will cost U $1.50 anywhere.

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Men's dress at $1.93—this iz the same shoe U pay $2.50 for.

In Ladies' dress silk top shoe—$3.25 kind we sell U at $2.24, & a $2.00 shoe at $1.50.

Then we have a fine calf shoe made for farmers' wives—those that want a good, serviceable, outdoor shoe, something that will last in mud, water & hubs, that U can take solid comfort in—these we sell at $1.30.

LARGE LOT OF NU GOODS THIS WEEK.

5c & 10c lot of Glassware just opened up & they R beauties.

Churns, tubs and clothes baskets—prices very low.

Now iz your time to get first class Mirrors at a small price.

Mrs. Potts' Sad Irons, nickled, best goods, 75c set 3

10-qt Steel enamtld dish pan 25c.

Kitchen Knives, set of 3, 12c.

Toilet Sets just received—from $1 85 to $6.50.

A. E. STICKLES,

Sprague Block. Smethport.

Cash Bargain Day,

Sat. Feb. 18,

At J. COLEGROVE'S

4-lb pkg Gold Star washing powder for	13c
3 cans Superior Wax beans	20c
Lima beans, per can	10c
Early June peas, 3 cans for	25c
Royal Salad Dressing in pint bottles	45c
One quart bottle maple syrup	23c
One quart stone jar of Heinz apple butter	15c
One lb can Golden Harvest	18c
Blue Label ketchup, pr bottle	22c
Elastic starch "Flat Iron Brand, per pkg	10c
A pkg of fresh Yeast Foam with every sack of flour sold to-day.	
3 doz Heinz sweet pickles	25c
1 qt Heinz mixed sweet pickles for	20c
White Clover table syrup, not in cans bring pail or jug, to-day	35c gal or 9c qt
Gents' mittens, special to-day per pair	10c
5-gal pump oil can, filled with water white oil, to-day	$1.40
Blended Java coffee, per lb	28c
Combination Java coffee pr lb	25c

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Why Wait Could an Opportunity Arise Over Revenge.

The Arab who has angered a camel will throw his clothes upon the ground, spit the lubricated beast, after stamping on them and tearing them asunder with his teeth, goes on his way, and the driver is thereafter quite safe, as it seems to be an axiom with the camel that no man shall be put in peril of life twice for one offense.

The camel is stupid, save when angry, and then seems to become almost preternatural in carrying out its vengeful designs. Palgrave relates the following story of a camel's revenge, which serves to illustrate this point: "A lad of 14 had conducted a large camel laden with wood from one village to another at a half hour's distance. As the animal behaved or turned out of the way its conductor struck it repeatedly and harder than it seemed to have thought he had a right to do. But not finding the occasion favorable for taking immediate quits it 'bode its time.' That time was not long in coming.

"A few days later the same lad had to remember the beast, but unladen, to his own village. When they were about half way on the road and at some distance from any habitation, the camel suddenly stopped, looked deliberately round in every direction to assure it self that no one was in sight and, finding the road clear of passersby, made a step forward, seized the unlucky boy's head in its monstrous mouth, and, lifting him up in the air, flung him down again on the earth with the upper part of his skull completely torn off.

"Having thus satisfied his revenge, the brute quietly resumed its pace toward the village, as though nothing upon the matter, till some men, who had observed the whole, though unfortunately at too great a distance to be able to afford timely help, came up and killed it."—London Telegraph.

NOT THE ONLY ONE.

Sponsors to That Locality Were no Trials at Shuckbottom.

A hall yearly meeting of the directors who manage the Northampton private asylum had just broken up, and Lord Spencer, a member of that body, desiring to reach Althorp Park *anewwhat* more quickly than customarily, determined to return home by a route which intersects the grounds of the asylum and which is rarely used save as a summons parade for the unfortunate lunatics. Arrived at the gate which separates the asylum from the outer world Lord Spencer, much to his annoyance and disgust, found it securely locked. A keeper, however, happening to come in sight just at that moment Lord Spencer lost no time in explaining to him the nature of his wishes.

The man curtly replied that his orders were to the effect that no one should pass through that gate except the duties were given to him to the contrary by the authorities, and that, being a married man with a wife and a large family, he failed to understand what special advantage was to be gained by transgressing the rules and thus placing his situation in jeopardy. Observing that the fellow was growing obdurate, Lord Spencer thought it best to reveal his name and rank, imagining that a knowledge of the name would recall the man to his senses. Nothing of the sort happened, however.

The stolid features of the keeper simply relaxed into a broad grin, and as he turned to depart he gently explained that Lord Spencers in that particular locality were as plentiful as blackberries in the autumn time. Explanations and expostulations were useless, the discomfited earl being forced to return the way he had come.—Wit and Wisdom.

The Stone Bull, the Cruel Spaniard.

The trumpet sounds again, and the espada takes his sword and his muleta and goes out for the last scene. This, which ought to be, is not always the real climax. The bull is often by this time tired, has had enough of the sport longs at the barrier, trying to get out. He is tired of running after red rags, and he brushes them aside contemptuously. He can scarcely be got to show animation enough to be decently killed. But one bull that I saw was splendidly savage and fought almost to the last, running about the arena with the sword between his shoulders, and that great red thus broadening down each side of his neck on the black, like a deep layer of red paint, goo tricks oneself into thinking.

He carried two swords in his neck and still fought. When at last he, too, got weary he went and knelt down before the door by which he had entered and would fight no more. But they went up to him from outside the barrier and drew the swords out of him, and he got to his feet again and stood to be killed.—Saturday Review.

Too Much of It.

A high army officer whose fad was ventilation was one day making an inspection of a frontier post which was much in need of repair. In some places the roof showed the blue sky overhead and the walls were ornamented with gaps.

The brigadier general was escorted through the building by the colonel in charge, a sergeant going on before, as in the custom, to warn the men to stand at attention in honor of the general.

As they proceeded the general asked:

"And how is the ventilation, colonel?"

Before the colonel could reply the old sergeant, with a familiarity born of long service, said:

"Shure, general, and the ventilation is bull, raw, worra bad, sure. The place is all full of holes, sor!"—Detroit Free Press.

Her Opinion.

"Mandy," said Farmer Cornstock, who had been reading the back pages of a magazine, "of a cannon ball goin at the rate of 60 miles an hour was shot from the back of a train goin 40 miles an hour, where would the cannon ball light?"

"I dunno exactly where 'twould light," she answered, "but I kin prophesy that it 'ud do a lot o' damage. It couldn't hit nowhere without hurtin a lot o' people that was standin around without anything better to do than gawkin-an-an jes' each doin's."—Washington Star.

Posting in the Mind.

Chum—I understand that Mr. Footh-ump paid me a very pretty compliment today!

Bluh—You. What was it?

Chum—He said that among the most beautiful young ladies at the party was Miss Chum Bluth.

Bluh (with a growl)—Yes, I noticed you among them.—London Fun.

The gradual cooling of France is proved by its vegetation. The Italian poplar, common in early French engravings, is now seldom seen in the country, while the lemon has disappeared from Languedoc and the orange from Roussillon.

It is estimated that the incandescent lamps in use in all parts of the world have over 800,000,000 candle power.

Stockton's Arabian Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, burns, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns and all skin eruptions, and guaranteed to cure piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Dr. A. A. Parker, editor of the Virginia (Pa.) Headline, with his wife and eight months-old brother, was thrown from a gig on Main street—Cough Cure was the only remedy that helped them. It acted quickly. Thousands of others use this remedy for la grippe, and its exhausting after effects. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Shakespeare Sold Salads.

It was in an auction store on Main street, just before the auctioneer mounted the box. Goods were being sold privately to those who desired to buy. A well dressed woman was examining a bit of jewelry.

"What is the price of this?" she asked.

"That will cost you $4, madam," replied the salesman.

"Can't you shade that figure a bit?"

"No, can't possibly take a cent less. But I'll tell you what, I'll do it if you will wait a few moments the auction sale will be started, and I'll place the article under the hammer. You may then be able to buy it in for almost nothing."

The woman said she would wait.

Ten minutes later on the auctioneer began the sale. There were some half dozen people in the store. The bit of jewelry in question was placed on the counter and bids invited. Some one offered 50 cents, then $1 was bid, $2 followed and then $3. This last bid was made by the woman who had sought to buy the bit of jewelry before the sale. A gentleman came in, looked at the article and calmly said: "I like that. I'll give you $4." The woman quickly shouted "Five dollars!" Then the bidding ceased and the bit of jewelry was turned over to the last and best bidder. She had refused to pay $4 a few minutes before, but she forgot that and went home to tell hubby dear what a bargain she got at the auction store for a $5 bill.—Memphis Scimitar.

Joseph Jefferson.

Joseph Jefferson was playing a one night engagement in a small town, appearing in the part Rip Van Winkle, which he has so often and ably impersonated. At the hotel where he staid there was an Irishman who acted as general assistant. Judged by the great interest he manifested in the hotel he might have been taken to be the proprietor. At about a quarter to 6 in the morning Mr. Jefferson was startled, not to say alarmed, by a violent thumping on his door. When he recollected that he had left no orders to be called so early, he was naturally indignant. His sleep was banished for that morning, however, so he arose and soon made his appearance before the clerk.

"Look here, Tracy," he demanded of this functionary, "why was I called at this unearthly hour?"

"I don't know, sir," replied the clerk, "but I'll ask Pat." Pat was summoned. Said the clerk: "Pat, there was no call for this gentleman. Why did you waken him?"

Pat led the clerk to one side and said in a mysterious whisper: "He wor goin in like a horse, sor, an Oi'd heerd the boys sayin somethin about how he wor wakst aither shlapin for twinty years, an Oi says to mesilf, 'It's a comin onto 'im agin, an it's yer jisty to git the craythur out o' yer house at wanst.'"—Ledger Monthly.

Bloodhounds.

The gentleness of bloodhound disposition is probably accounted for by their not having been used to hunt and kill prey. One of the most ancient anecdotes of these dogs attributes the capture of a fugitive to the use of his own bloodhound. The name itself is probably a modern one, based on a vulgar error that the dogs only followed persons who were "red handed" from homicide or who had about them the smell of recently killed sheep. The ancient name was lyme dog or tallot, which latter appears to have been a white variety of bloodhound.

The Cuban bloodhounds, which were used for hunting slaves by the Spaniards and were imported into Jamaica, were not bloodhounds at all, but a cross between the mastiff and bulldog, or perhaps the "dogue" of Bordeaux. They were brindled, prick eared, and doubtless horribly savage. They were, however, used as "police," and, like the bloodhounds on the border, were maintained in every parish in Jamaica where it was the duty of the churchwardens to keep them at the expense of the community.

Some of these dogs were kept in London during the early days of the zoological gardens. The stories of their ferocity are probably not exaggerated, though Lord Balcarres, who imported 200 of them into Jamaica to aid in subduing the maroons never used them. He frightened the negroes into submission by circulating the stories current about the dogs.—London Spectator.

Took His Wife's Advice.

When the man whose haircut showed that his wife had peculiar notions as to the way a man should dress his hair quit giving advice, one of the listeners said:

"No man has more respect for a woman than I have, but I shall never take the advice of my wife again about money matters. She insisted upon my hiding my salary, so if I should be held up the highwaymen wouldn't get it. I draw my stipend at 6 p. m., and it is quite dark before I get home. She is a good hider in the house, but her talent in that line stops there. Now, she had the brilliant idea that I should put the envelope containing my money under the sweatband of my hat. Highwaymen would never look there, and would never rob a man of his hat. After she had made this suggestion about 40 times I accepted it. I went home as usual on the elevated. I had a slight attack of vertigo in the car, and the man who always knows what to do said I needed fresh air and threw up the window. In doing so he knocked off my hat. I went home bareheaded and broke."—New York Sun.

Juvenile Diplomacy.

Mother—I gave each of you boys an orange. Charlie, you said you wouldn't eat yours until after dinner. And you, Jack, said the same. Have you deceived me?

Charlie—No, mother; we didn't eat our own oranges. I ate Jack's and he ate mine.—Sydney Town and Country Journal.

Intimical Plants.

Two well known English plants, the thistle and the rape, are so intimical that if a field is infested with thistles, which come up year after year and ruin the crops, all you have to do is to sow it with rape. The thistles will be absolutely annihilated.

Not Very Comforting.

Skylelight—Tommy, do you think your sister is fond of me?

Tommy—I don't know. She gave me a quarter to get the clock half an hour fast.—Jewish Comment.

No man should marry till he can listen to a baby crying in the next room and not feel like breaking the furniture.—Exchange.

One Cubans Govern Themselves.

One of the best known diplomatists recently declared that the Cubans are incapable of governing themselves, and that the United States must maintain its present control indefinitely, or else annex the island. There will be those who will dispute this, but there are none who dispute the well-established fact that Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is capable of controlling the common diseases of the stomach. It is a remedy that is backed by fifty years of success. It is an ideal medicine for constipation; a strength builder for those who are predisposed to lung troubles, and for nervousness it is of wonderful benefit. As an appetizer it is incomparable. Those whose stomachs are out of order should not fail to try a bottle.

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He Wanted a Pension.

Ogle Hood tells a funny story of a colored man who had conceived the idea that he could get a pension from the government. He went to a pension agent to learn what steps it would be necessary for him to take to bring about the desired result.

"Were you really in the army, Sam?" asked the agent.

"Yas, sah. Indeed I was, sah. I was in de army for more'n a year, sah."

"What regiment were you in, Sam?"

"Wal, sah, I don't just this minute recommember, but I'll gwine to bring you all de papers, and dat will explain de matter."

"But you surely remember whom you were with, Sam?"

"Oh, yes, sah! I recommember dat all right. I was wid my young master."

"Oh! then you were in the Confederate army, were you?"

"Yas, sah; yas, sah."

"Were you ever wounded, Sam?"

"Yas, sah, indeed I was. See dat scar, sah? I got dat scar in de army, sah."

"What was it hit you, Sam?"

"Wal, sah, it was a skillet, sah. Indeed it was. A big iron skillet, sah."

"Now, see here, Sam, what chance can you have to get a pension? In the first place you were in the Confederate army, and then the only wound you received anyway was from a skillet. What in the world has our government got to do with your case?"

"Wal, sah, it was a government skillet, sah."—Chicago Times-Herald.

A Woman's Way.

"Here is something that I would like to approach very gently," said Mr. Stoggleback, "so as not to give any offense.

"The new woman wants her rights and her privileges, too, and as a matter of fact I am very glad she does cling to her privileges, and I hope she always will, which means that I hope she'll stay a woman. But the way in which she mixes her rights and privileges up is sometimes a little confusing. For instance:

"When walking along the sidewalk woman holds her course and lets the man turn out, and she does this just the same down town in the busiest streets as she would in a calm and quiet residence street. You might think that a business woman working among business men in a business part of the town would adopt business methods in everything, and that when you met her in the street she would turn to the right as you do and as all men do, but she doesn't. She holds her course, which is very likely to be along the inner side of the walk, and expects you to turn out for her, even if it carries you to the left instead of to the right. She doesn't care about that.

"No matter who she may be or where you meet her woman expects man to turn out for her, and I hope she always will."—New York Sun.

Insanity's Debt to Medical Science.

Insanity is now recognized as a disease which is the result of some functional or organic disturbance of the brain or of some injury or malformation of that organ. Be it said to the everlasting credit of medical science that it has rescued the whole subject of the diseases of the brain and nervous system from the region of myth and superstition and placed it on a scientific plane along with the other diseases and injuries to which human flesh is heir.

The old lunatic asylums and the filthy cells of the county jails with all their horrors where the victims of dethroned reason used to be confined and tortured have been abolished and in their place we now have the modern hospital for the insane, and it stands on the same footing in every respect as a hospital for diseases of the eye and ear or any other medical specialty. It was not the churches, but medical science, inspired by a desire to benefit mankind, which taught the world that the insane are our brothers still and that to them is due the same Christian charity and care as to any others in distress.—Dr. John Gardner in North American Review.

A Bit of Ribbon.

A London paper tells this story of the final signing of the Spanish-American peace treaty: "Every diplomatic instrument bears a seal from which depends a ribbon, and when the seal was about to be affixed to the treaty the commissioners, both of Spain and America, expressed a desire, in graceful acknowledgment of the courtesy shown by France, that the dependent ribbon should be tricolored. Search was forthwith made high and low in the Quai d'Orsay, with the result that in the foreign office of the French republic not a bit of ribbon of the French colors could be found.

"At this critical juncture a brilliant inspiration flashed across one of the heads of the department. 'Go,' he said to a messenger, 'to M. X——, the confectioner, in the Rue St. Honore, for a pound of chocolate cakes and be sure you ask him to tie them up with a tricolor ribbon.' With that bit of confectioner's ribbon the treaty of peace between Spain and the United States was sealed."

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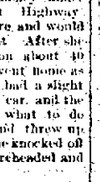

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Snowball Showers.

More than one explorer in cold climates has noted the curious phenomenon of a "snowball shower." The balls, it is true, are not very big, the average being about the size of a hen's egg, but they are true snowballs for all that, compressed globes of snow, not little lumps of ice or hail.

A fall of the kind occurred in north London in March, 1859, and at the time it was observed that the balls seemed five times as dense and compressed as ordinary snow and in no way to be told from the usual handmade missiles. They had fallen during the night and were strewn many layers thick over a very large area.

No cause—except a doubtful electrical one—can be ascribed for the strange phenomenon, and mountaineers are apt to discredit the stories of snowball showers told them by the old guides till suddenly in the midst of an ordinary storm they find themselves assailed as though by myriads of mischievous schoolboys.—London Standard.

Egyptian Burials.

It has hitherto been supposed that in Egypt the practice of embalming the bodies of the dead and forming them into mummies was the most ancient method of sepulture, but Professor Flinders Petrie, the well known Egyptologist, has by recent excavations thrown quite a new light upon this question of the ancient method of disposing of the dead. At Deshasheh, a place about 50 miles south of Cairo, he has discovered a series of tombs, in the coffins of which he has found complete skeletons from which the flesh has been carefully dissected, evidently previous to burial. The coffins are of admirable workmanship, are made of sycamore and are in perfect preservation notwithstanding their 5,000 years' burial in the sand. It remains to be proved by further excavations whether the mutilation of the bodies was performed as a ceremonial rite or whether this removal of flesh from the bones points to cannibalism on the part of the ancient people.—Chambers' Journal.

The Best of Proof.

"And you say you gave me no encouragement?"

"That is what I said."

"No encouragement? Why even your father thought it all settled."

"My father? What proof have you of your extraordinary statement?"

"Proof? The best of proof. He borrows money from me."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

He Was "On."

The Count—I haf loved your daughtaire from zo fairst time we met.

Her Father—Who had told you that I was rich?—Chicago News.

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STATEMENT

OF THE

Finances of McKean County

FOR THE

Fiscal Year Ending January 1, 1898.

T. H. CLARK, Treasurer of McKean county, in account with the different funds of said county for said year.

COUNTY FUNDS.

Dr.

To amt due last auditors' report	$(6611 15)	
To amt license collected	2175 00	
To amt transferred from dog		
Paid		
Cr.		
By last due last auditors' report	2411 85	
By election proclamations	13 00	
By making returns to State		
Board Public Charities	20 00	
By com. on dues collected 1 3-4 per cent	1 50	
By taking prisoners to penitentiary	250 75	
By drawing and summoning jurors	1 50 00	
By check to T. D. Clark for dues, jury fees and Court costs redeemed	227 65	
By board of prisoners, contract rate days 304 2-7 weeks at $4 00 per week	1216 00	2335 85
To amt transferred to county fund	1161 28	
By orders paid and cancelled	1200 15	

1897 FUND.

Dr.

To amt due last auditors' report	1162 38	
To amt dog tax collected	1240 70	2403 08
Cr.		
By amt transferred to county fund	1161 28	
By orders paid and cancelled	1200 15	

BRIDGE BOND FUND.

Dr.

To amt due last auditors' report	1800 79	
To amt of tax collected	621 67	
To seated tax collected	3861 97	7288 43
Cr.		
By orders paid and cancelled	1200 00	
By bonds paid and cancelled	2700 00	
By interest paid on bonds	600 00	
By Treas. com. on $4295.34 at 1½ per cent	74 68	
Balance due fund	2849 01	7423 69

REDEMPTION FUND.

Dr.

To balance due last auditor's report	2855 07	
To redemption received	425 07	3280 06
Cr.		
By redemption orders paid	625 30	

ALIEN TAX FUND.

Dr.

To Amt received	930 26	930 26
Cr.		
By Treas. com. on $930.26 at 1½ per cent	13 95	
By balance due fund	916 31	930 26

POOR FUND.

Dr.

To amt due fund last auditors' report	40 02	
To amt seated tax and interest collected	3761 50	
To amt seated tax collected	3762 14	
To amt charged Treas. by Co. Com'rs	4108 35	9836 11
Cr.		
By orders paid and cancelled	17642 56	
By Treas com. on $16307 89 at 1½ per cent	282 64	
By balance due fund	7151 89	26076 31

DOG FUND.

Dr.

To Amt received	1 00	1 00
Cr.		
By balance due fund	1 00	1 00

STATEMENT showing the amount of County, State, Bridge Bond, Poor and Dog Tax charged, amount received and balance due from the several districts for the year 1898, subject to commissions and exonerations.

DISTRICTS.	STATE. Amt chgd.	Rec'd.	Amt due.	COUNTY. Amt chgd.	Rec'd.	Amt due.	BRIDGE BOND. Amt chgd.	Rec'd.	Amt due.	POOR. Amt chgd.	Rec'd.	Amt due.	DOG. Amt chgd.	Rec'd.	Amt due.
Annin Township	$ 32 20	$ 21 49	$ 6 71	$726 34	$621 77	$104 57	$140 61	$ 94 22	$ 46 61	$140 61	$122 13	$111 00	$ 28 98	$ 28 98	$ 32 20
Bradford Township	28 21	24 41	4 80	636 72	544 99	91 73	123 21	106 59	16 62	123 21	106 99	16 22	32 20	32 20	28 21
Bradford City, 1st W	630 15	580 00	135 75	4256 98	3924 05	1497 12	1657 01	1531 48	191 13	1657 01		38 00	38 00	38 00	630 15
" 2d "	641 20	530 00	165 70	3961 74	1740 00	2221 74	1557 01	1277 00	280 01	1557 01		52 00	52 00	52 00	641 20
" 3d "	1025 25	1025 00	174 25	1852 50	1852 50		2021 00	2021 00		2021 00		52 00	52 00	52 00	1025 25
" 4th "	1000 15	1000 00	180 15	3607 15	3452 50	154 65	1954 15	1950 00	4 15	1954 15		52 00	52 00	52 00	1000 15
" 5th "	30 24		30 24	1210 70	1210 70		1254 15	1250 00	4 15	1254 15		52 00	52 00	52 00	30 24
" 6th "	60 48		60 48	1206 25	1206 25		1254 15	1250 00	4 15	1254 15		52 00	52 00	52 00	60 48
Corn Township	27 49	25 00	2 49	1247 19	1247 19		1254 15	1250 00	4 15	1254 15	1254 15	52 00	52 00	52 00	27 49
Corydon Township	1 64	1 64		1257 74	1257 74		1254 15	1250 00	4 15	1254 15	1254 15	52 00	52 00	52 00	1 64
Eldred "	28 24	28 24		1257 74	1257 74		1254 15	1250 00	4 15	1254 15	1254 15	52 00	52 00	52 00	28 24
Eldred Boro	54 42	54 42		1257 74	1257 74		1254 15	1250 00	4 15	1254 15	1254 15	52 00	52 00	52 00	54 42
Foster Township	119 24	94 50	24 74	4199 41	3961 74	237 67	314 39	309 24	5 15	314 39	309 24	52 00	52 00	52 00	119 24
Hamilton	28 32	28 32		1257 74	1257 74		1254 15	1250 00	4 15	1254 15	1254 15	52 00	52 00	52 00	28 32
Keating	28 32	28 32		1257 74	1257 74		1254 15	1250 00	4 15	1254 15	1254 15	52 00	52 00	52 00	28 32
Keating	1033 41	1033 41		1033 41	1033 41		1254 15	1250 00	4 15	1254 15	1254 15	52 00	52 00	52 00	1033 41
Kane, 1st Ward	1033 15	1033 15	30 24	3096 00	3096 00		3297 00	3297 00		3297 00	3297 00	52 00	52 00	52 00	1033 15
" 2d "	1033 15	1033 15		3096 00	3096 00		3297 00	3297 00		3297 00	3297 00	52 00	52 00	52 00	1033 15
" 3d "	1033 15	1033 15		3096 00	3096 00		3297 00	3297 00		3297 00	3297 00	52 00	52 00	52 00	1033 15
" 4th "	1033 15	1033 15		3096 00	3096 00		3297 00	3297 00		3297 00	3297 00	52 00	52 00	52 00	1033 15
Liberty Township	45 45	45 45		1257 74	1257 74		1254 15	1250 00	4 15	1254 15	1254 15	52 00	52 00	52 00	45 45
Lafayette "	15 17	15 17		1257 74	1257 74		1254 15	1250 00	4 15	1254 15	1254 15	52 00	52 00	52 00	15 17
Mt. Jewett Boro	1033 15	1033 15	30 24	3096 00	3096 00		3297 00	3297 00		3297 00	3297 00	52 00	52 00	52 00	1033 15
Norwich Township	1033 15	1033 15		3096 00	3096 00		3297 00	3297 00		3297 00	3297 00	52 00	52 00	52 00	1033 15
Otto "	1033 15	1033 15		3096 00	3096 00		3297 00	3297 00		3297 00	3297 00	52 00	52 00	52 00	1033 15
Port Allegany Boro	1033 15	1033 15		3096 00	3096 00		3297 00	3297 00		3297 00	3297 00	52 00	52 00	52 00	1033 15
Smethport "	1033 15	1033 15		3096 00	3096 00		3297 00	3297 00		3297 00	3297 00	52 00	52 00	52 00	1033 15
Sergeant Township	1033 15	1033 15		3096 00	3096 00		3297 00	3297 00		3297 00	3297 00	52 00	52 00	52 00	1033 15
Wetmore "	1033 15	1033 15		3096 00	3096 00		3297 00	3297 00		3297 00	3297 00	52 00	52 00	52 00	1033 15
Totals	7227 05	5537 05	1689 71	68403 73	62257 05	6146 68	73239 04	68821 51	4417 51	2176 13	11474 79	9601 67	6018 12	2872 00	698 39	1885 68

AMOUNT of seated and unseated taxes collected by Co. Treas. during 1898, due from former years.

DISTRICTS.	STATE. Rec'd.	COUNTY. Rec'd.	BRIDGE B. Rec'd.	POOR. Rec'd.	DOG. Rec'd.
Annin Township		$ 276 61	65	$ 114 59	$ 69 45
Bradford	1 75	1 75		1 75	1 75
Bradford City, 1st W	231 31	1657 01			123 68
" 2d "	231 31	1557 01			12 50
" 3d "	1 75	1 75			1 75
" 4th "	1 75	1 75			1 75
" 5th "	1 75	1 75			1 75
" 6th "	1 75	1 75			1 75
Corn Township		1 75		1 75	1 75
Corydon "	22 35	1 75		1 75	1 75
Eldred "		1 75		1 75	1 75
" Boro	8 04	1 75		1 75	1 75
Foster Township	82 31	1 75		1 75	1 75
Hamilton "		1 75		1 75	1 75
Hamilton "	1 75	1 75		1 75	1 75
Keating "	25 31	1 75		1 75	1 75
Keating "	25 56	1 75		1 75	1 75
Kane, 1st Wd	1 75	1 75		1 75	1 75
" 2d "	1 75	1 75		1 75	1 75
" 3d "	1 75	1 75		1 75	1 75
" 4th "	1 75	1 75		1 75	1 75
Liberty Township	14 32	1 75		1 75	1 75
Lafayette "		1 75		1 75	1 75
Mt. Jewett Boro	30 70	1 75		1 75	1 75
Norwich Township	10 13	1 75		1 75	1 75
Otto "	4 05	1 75		1 75	1 75
Port Allegany Boro	13 60	1 75		1 75	1 75
Smethport "		1 75		1 75	1 75
Sergeant Township		1 75		1 75	1 75
Wetmore "		1 75		1 75	1 75
Totals	541 65	1652 15	65	1074 17	1028 15

I, F. DAVIS, Sheriff of McKean county, in account with the said county for the year ending Jan. 1, 1898.

F. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.

Dr.		
To fines collected during year 1898	90 00	
To Commonwealth costs collected during year 1898	510 75	
To Quarter Sessions Jury fees transferred collected	6 25	
To Quarter Sessions Jury fees not paid	28 00	
To Common Pleas fees collected	69 00	
To one year's wages turnkey at $12 per month	144 00	
To amt seated tax collected	1466 02	
To amt seated tax not collected	2024 76	3538 84
Cr.		
By bal due last auditors' report	541 65	
By election proclamations	13 00	
By making returns to State Board Public Charities	20 00	
By com. on dues collected 1 3-4 per cent	1 50	
By taking prisoners to penitentiary	250 75	
By drawing and summoning jurors	150 00	
By check to T. D. Clark for dues, jury fees and Court costs redeemed	227 65	
By board of prisoners, contract rate days 304 2-7 weeks at $4 00 per week	1216 00	3538 84

F. E. SHERMAN, Coroner of McKean county, in account with the said county for the fiscal year ending Jan. 1, 1898.

Dr.		
Orders drawn on account	213 25	
Balance due for fees	45 54	258 79
Cr.		
By balance due 1897	61 54	
By inquests, mileage and jury fees	197 25	258 79

W. A. YOUNG, T. F. HUNTSVILLE and LEWIS DAVIS, Commissioners of McKean county, in account with the said county for the fiscal year ending Jan. 1, 1898.

W. A. YOUNG.

Dr.		
Orders drawn on acct	865 00	
To balance due on 1896	142 03	1007 03
Cr.		
By balance due 1897	57 50	
By 272 days service at $3 50	952 50	1007 03

T. F. HUNTSVILLE.

Dr.		
To orders drawn on acct	425 05	
To balance due on 1896	1 80	365 85
Cr.		
By balance due 1897	61 25	
By 268 days service at $3 50	938 80	365 85

LEWIS DAVIS.

Dr.		
To orders drawn on account	77 45	
To balance due on 1895	93 00	170 45
Cr.		
By balance due 1897	71 45	
By 270 days service at $3 50	945 00	170 45

RECEIPTS OF McKEAN COUNTY.

Received in Texas Jan. 31, 1898	$ 6251 76
Received for liquor license	3150 00
Received from transfer from dog fund	1161 28
Received from transfer from Poor fund	50 00
Received from A. F. Davis, sheriff	3538 84
Received from various Co. Com'rs, agt to Treas.	6746 01
Received from seated tax collected	5429 81
Received from unseated tax collected	2411 61
Received from State tax collected	7138 42
Received from Treas. Bridge Bond Fund, Jan. 1, 1898	2220 19
Received from bridge bond tax collected	6 23 25
Received from alien tax	930 26
	44452 18

EXPENDITURES OF McKEAN COUNTY.

Paid W. A. Young, Com'r	$ 87 66
" Lemuel D. Wetmore, "	91 66
" T. F. Huntsville, Com'r	473 40
" S. D. Weaver, Commissioners' clerk	720 00
Paid assistant Com'rs' clerk	782 25
" T. F. Richmond,